

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT
2024



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Without
MOTHERS

Empowering Students to
Help Themselves



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mary Torrence Williams

Dear SWM Supporters,

The year 2024 was truly remarkable for Students Without Mothers. It began with the incredible honor of appearing on *The Kelly Clarkson Show* alongside two of our past scholarship recipients, Turquoise and Elizabeth. This opportunity allowed us to reflect on my personal journey, share the inspiring story of our very first scholarship recipient, and highlight the profound impact SWM has had on students navigating life without their mothers.

In celebration of our 20-year milestone, we hosted our inaugural Gala—a memorable evening where we awarded scholarships to our 2024 recipients and recognized individuals whose dedication has shaped the success of Students Without Mothers. A particularly special moment was honoring Reggie Prime, one of our longest-serving board members, as he concluded his board service at the end of the year. Reggie, along with his wife Lynn, will always hold a cherished place in the SWM family.

Another major milestone in 2024 was moving into our new office space, which includes a large training room where we now host group life coaching and grief counseling sessions for our high school seniors before they embark on their college journeys. This new space also allowed us to launch our *Student Boutique*, offering students the opportunity to shop—free of charge—for new clothing generously donated by local retailers. Additionally, our central Midtown location provides greater accessibility for students and their guardians, making it easier for them to participate in our programs and receive support.

We also expanded our team with the addition of a Program Manager, Terri Powe, who works closely with our students and our dedicated Student Advisor volunteers. Their role is essential in ensuring that students receive the services they need, particularly individual coaching and counseling sessions, which are critical in helping them navigate life's challenges and stay on track for success. This investment in hands-on student support is a significant step forward in deepening the impact of our programs.

While we are proud of all that we have accomplished over the past 20 years, our work is far from done. This year, we completed the selection process for our 2026 scholarship recipients, but the heartbreaking reality is that we had to turn away deserving students simply due to funding limitations. With only ten new students added to our program, others who needed our help were left without the support they sought. However, we remain hopeful. With a fully engaged Board of Directors, a dedicated Advisory Board, and the addition of a Development Director, we are determined to increase our fundraising efforts so that no qualified students are turned away.

To each and every one of you—our valued supporters—we extend our deepest gratitude. Whether you contribute financially as a one-time donor, monthly donor, student sponsor, or student aid sponsor, or whether you give your time as a volunteer, please know that *you* make this work possible. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of students who have lost their mothers, empowering them to pursue higher education and a brighter future.

As you review this annual report, celebrating the achievements of our 2024 college graduates and the continued wraparound services we provide, we ask for your continued support. Please share our mission with your family, friends, and colleagues so that together, we can reach more students in need.

With heartfelt appreciation,

MARY TORRENCE WILLIAMS

Founder and Executive Director

torrence@studentswithoutmothers.org

MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

Stacy A. Canady



Dear SWM Supporters,

As we wrap up 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a remarkable year it has been for the Students Without Mothers Organization.

Two major highlights were the celebration of our 20th Anniversary and the wonderful exposure we received on the Kelly Clarkson Show. Looking back at all we have accomplished as an organization I am incredibly grateful for each individual donor. Your unwavering dedication and support have been invaluable. I truly appreciate your ongoing donations and your steadfast commitment to our mission: "Students Without Mothers is dedicated to helping high school students without mothers help themselves by empowering them to continue their education."

I would like to extend a special thank you to Mary Torrence Williams for her heartfelt compassion and extraordinary dedication to supporting our students. The heartfelt letters we've received from our students expressing their gratitude for our impact on their personal accomplishments have been truly touching.

As we close the chapter on 2024 and look ahead to 2025, let us once again acknowledge Mary's passion that inspired the founding of this organization twenty years ago. I am thankful to her for allowing me to share my personal journey in such a sincere way. The foundation of our organization is our donors, and it is your steadfast donations that support our students.

At the end of 2024, we had two long-time board members conclude their tenures with the SWM Board and Advisory Board. I would like to extend a special personal thank you to Reginald "Reggie" Prime and JoAnn McLean.

Reggie, alongside his incredible wife Lynn, has dedicated 17 years of unwavering service to SWM. He has worn many hats during his tenure. As Board Chair and Board Secretary, his leadership and commitment have been instrumental in guiding our organization. Beyond these roles, Reggie has contributed in countless other capacities, always with the same passion and dedication that have become his hallmark.

JoAnn's leadership of the Scholarship Selection Committee, despite the challenging decisions involved, has been vital to our success. Her contributions have shaped the direction of our organization, and their impact will be felt for years to come. Reggie and JoAnn have exemplified extraordinary leadership and unwavering dedication to our organization throughout their years of service. Their commitment to fostering relationships that enhance our mission has been truly remarkable and inspiring to witness. They have consistently been the voices of reason and action for SWM.

With the impacts on non-profit funding, we greatly need your personal assistance with donations through our monthly donor, Student Aid Sponsors, or Student Sponsors programs. We are seeing an increased number of students facing food insecurity issues due to challenging economic times. I encourage you to personally consider the impact of being extremely hungry without the support of a mother or parent. This is why we need you to consider supporting our students with wholehearted scholarship donations.

Your personal support is never taken for granted, and we greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy A. Canady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline for the name "Canady".

Stacy Canady
Board Chair

Students Without Mothers Organization

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS AT A GLANCE

OUR MISSION

Students Without Mothers is dedicated to helping high school students without mothers help themselves by empowering them to continue their education.

OUR STORY

Mary Torrence Williams, who founded the organization in 2004, knows all about the challenges of growing up without a mother. Mary lost her mother when she was just 14 years old. As Mary cleaned her high school principal's home to earn money for her class ring, she made a promise to herself: when she became successful, she would work hard to help other young people in similar situations.

Mary was reminded of that promise when her daughter made her aware of a student in a similar situation. This student, whose mother has also passed away, was cooking meals at home and selling them to other students to fund her college application fees. Mary was inspired to do something about it -- and founded Students Without Mothers.

OUR VISION

SWM believes strongly in the principles of reaching out and of giving back. Our life affirming program is designed to be self-sustaining. Ultimately, we expect SWM graduates to keep the program going by providing peer counseling and other services. They will help others in the same way that they were helped, providing internships and financial contributions to help the next generation of Students Without Mothers.



Meet Alexa

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Students Without Mothers Scholarship for their support through my college journey. Thanks to their assistance, I've been able to pursue my education with less financial stress. My father recently had a heart attack (he is luckily making a full recovery), but it has been extra important for my education to be financially supported." This scholarship has helped me by keeping me encouraged knowing that there are people who care and that I can accomplish what I put my mind to. This scholarship has impacted more than I ever thought it would and I am so grateful for the life coaching sessions and continued support."



2020 Scholarship Recipient

SWM **STAFF**



MARY TORRENCE WILLIAMS
Founder/Executive Director
Staff



TERRI POWE
Program Manager
Staff



CHARLOTTE HALL
Program Coordinator
Staff



ANGELA RICHARDSON
Licensed Professional Counselor
Contractor



NATASHA ROBINSON
Certified Life Coach
Contractor



DR. CHINASA ELUE
Grief Coach/Advisory Board Member
Contractor



JOANN MCLEAN
Life Coach Director
Advisory Board Member
Volunteer



STEPHANIE WATSON
Grant Writer/Consultant
Contractor



RACHEL KIM
Program Assistant
Intern

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS **LOOKING AHEAD** GOALS FOR 2025 through 2027

Over the next three years SWM will:

- Build and maintain sustainable funding
- Develop strategic partnerships and strengthen existing partnerships
- Increase operational capacity
- Expand services for students

2025 Calendar of Events

January through March.....Donor Campaigns
June 17th.....Annual Scholarship Luncheon
August 4th.....Golf Tournament Fundraiser
September 20th.....Annual Concert Benefit – Chastain for Charity
Nov. 1st thru Dec. 31st.....Annual Year End Pledge Campaign
Dec 2nd.....Giving Tuesday



STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS, INC.

COLLEGE READINESS AND LIFE COACHING PROGRAM

SWM offers guidance to underserved, low-income, and diverse youth, who have lost their mothers, so they can graduate from high school, attend college, and earn post-secondary credentials for sustainable financial security.

PROGRAMMING

Our evidence-based and results-oriented College Readiness program model provides wraparound services to students who have lost their mothers and is designed to provide both advocacy and support to help students consistently make the best choices as they plan for their future. Programming affords students the advantage they need to succeed in college and ultimately in the workplace as successful leaders. The organization develops relationships with each student and follows them through their college/higher education career. This enables SWM to track students as well as help to address barriers and stumbling blocks to school completion. Our holistic service continuum creates opportunities for youth to develop their talents and college readiness competencies through specific skill building and life transition programming. It includes life skill development, mentoring, guidance on applying and getting into college, emotional support, and more. Diverse and historically underserved students are motivated to complete their high school education on-time, to prepare for post-secondary education and life, and to ready themselves to pursue a career in high growth/high demand fields.

There are few programs that exist to help youth who have lost a parent overcome their various challenges, which include the loss of the family structure, the loss of a stable home environment (which may include dependable shelter, clothing and/or food), and the absence of a nurturing adult.

WRAP AROUND SERVICES

The emotional support and personal attention students receive through the program helps ensure they will get through a critical period in their lives and transition to a college environment, and ultimately into young adulthood. They are afforded the guidance and direction needed to succeed - the kind of support a mother would give.

- **College Preparation** – Programming offers life-changing assistance for students by establishing a path for success through ongoing sessions, supports, and guidance that develop college readiness. The aims of our programming are to encourage and prepare our students to attend a two- or four-year institution of higher learning, and to increase the number of minority students entering and remaining enrolled in college. Topics covered include Transitioning to Adulthood, Selecting a College Major, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Technology and Social Media Etiquette, and more.
- **Life Coaching** -The curriculum covered in the life coaching sessions serve to ensure that program participants get through a critical life period and are adequately prepared to transition to college and into young adulthood. Participation in our career and life readiness program helps students grow their strengths and mitigate their life challenges, and they learn the skills they need to direct their path. It provides students with the advantage needed to succeed in college and the workplace as successful leaders. Topics include Life Skills, Financial Literacy, Relationship Development, Conflict Resolution Skills, and Healthy Choices.
- **Mentoring and Guidance** – Research demonstrates that the number one reason for success for students with many barriers is having a caring, loving adult to provide support and guidance. SWM pairs each student with an adult volunteer, who have been trained and undergone a background check to offer this support.
- **Grief Counseling** – Students engage with trained counselors that assist them in healing from the trauma of losing a parent as well as build resiliency skills for success
- **Emergency Funds, Social Services, and Access to Resources** – Programming mitigates barriers to success including helping to meet basic needs, linkages to other services, and ensuring access to resources. For instance, students receive yearly stipends to help with college expenses if they remain program eligible. Additionally, students receive a laptop computer donated by our technology partner and additional school/dorm supplies gathered through in-kind support.

Participants are supported in their college journey ensuring that they perform well in school and graduate becoming successful contributors to their communities, despite their barriers and loss of traditional nurturing parents. Since 2004, we have equipped over 120 students for graduation, college, and adulthood.

SWM offers HOPE by providing the guidance and support for college preparedness, transition to adulthood, and life success for low-income young people in Metro Atlanta who have lost their mother.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



RIANNA ALSOBROOK
Westlake High School
Spelman College



JADEN BILLINGS
Westlake High School
Mississippi State University



MYA BYRD
Marietta High School
Fort Valley State University



ZAKIYA CLAYBORN
Lithonia High School
Albany State University



EMILY DRUMMONDS
South Gwinnett High School
Gwinnett Technical College



ARIANNA KING
Westlake High School
Agnes Scott College



TAYLOR WILSON
Adairsville High School
Georgia State University



HAYDEN ZUMBRUM
South Forsyth High School
Georgia College & State University

MEET OUR STUDENT ADVISOR VOLUNTEERS

We are thrilled to introduce the invaluable members of our Student Advisor Volunteer Team. These dedicated individuals have undergone background checks and comprehensive training to serve as trusted mentors and guides for our students. Assigned to a select number of students, they commit to regular monthly contact, providing support, guidance, and encouragement to ensure our students have the resources they need to overcome any obstacles they may face. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students' success are truly commendable, and we are immensely grateful for their contribution to our community.



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Darryl Williams
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STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS
STUDENT ADVISOR VOLUNTEERS

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Life Coach Director
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Advisory Board Member
Security Cloud Solution Architect
Microsoft



SWM's 20-Year Anniversary Gala

Photo Gallery

This event – a celebration of SWM's 20th year, coupled with awarding our 2024 scholarships with their scholarships, took place on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the Smoke Rise Country Club in Stone Mountain.



Chastain for Charity Benefit Concert

Photo Gallery

This event took place on Saturday, 9/21/24 at the Cross and Crown Pavilion in Conyers



STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS

Our Donor Programs

SWM's Donor Programs are designed to provide consistent financial support for the organization throughout the year. Funds are used to provide the financial assistance and vital services our students need in order to continue their education. Those services include scholarship funds, life coaching, grief counseling and other resources.

Student Sponsor Donors

Fully support a student for their entire 5 years in the program (senior year of high school through 4 years of college), by donating a total of \$10k over a 5-year period (or \$2k a year or \$167/month for 5 years). Your donation covers annual scholarship disbursements; life coaching; grief counseling; dormitory supplies; a laptop computer; gift cards and emergency funds.

Student Aid Sponsor Donors

Provide supplemental support for a student for a one-year period, by donating a total of \$500 (or \$42/month). Your donation covers care packages (2 per school year); gift cards and emergency funds.

Monthly Donor Program

Commit to making a donation once per month with the date and amount determined by the donor.

Donors participating in these programs are listed on our website and in the annual report. Donors also receive special recognition with tickets or online access to our annual scholarship luncheon. Please visit our website to learn more about joining one of these donor programs. Join us in recognizing and congratulating current members of these donor programs:

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 Stacy Canady
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 Nelle Williams
 Nichole Williams
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Volunteer Opportunities - How You Can Help

- ***Student Advisor Volunteers:*** Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of youth? Join our team as a Student Advisor Volunteer! This role involves attending virtual training sessions and passing a background check. As a Student Advisor, you'll be assigned two or three students whom you'll support closely, checking in with them at least monthly to address any challenges they may face. Equipped with training on utilizing resources from SWM and partner organizations, you'll guide students towards overcoming obstacles. Monthly reporting is required, and this role can be done virtually. Visit our website for more details and to submit an application.
- ***Event Volunteers for Chastain Concert Benefit Fundraiser:*** Join us in making our Chastain Concert Benefit Fundraiser a success! Taking place in September, this outdoor concert event promises an evening of entertainment under the stars. We need volunteers to assist with guest check-in, act as hosts/hostesses, and help with event set-up and cleanup. If you're available to lend a hand, please visit our website to submit a volunteer application.

Other Ways To Help

DONATE DORMITORY ITEMS OR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Many of the students we support come from low-income households and struggle to obtain basic college essentials. Consider donating dormitory items, school supplies, or laptop computers to make a meaningful impact. Visit our website for a direct link to our Amazon Wishlist or contact us to schedule a delivery to our office.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Support our organization effortlessly through Kroger Community Rewards! By linking your Kroger Shopper's Card to SWM, you can contribute to our fundraising efforts every time you shop. Visit our website to learn how to link SWM to your Shopper's Card and start making a difference today!

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS

Why Our Services Are Needed

Research shows that 1 in 7 children will lose a parent before graduating high school due to death, incarceration, or abandonment. This loss often leads to unstable home environments, financial hardship, and long-term generational struggles. Many of the students we serve have lost both parents and come from low-income households, often becoming the first in their families to attend college.



Higher education is a proven pathway to economic stability. College graduates earned an average of \$24,700 more annually than those with only a high school diploma, and this earnings gap continues to widen. Without a degree, young people face lower wages, higher poverty rates, and fewer opportunities to break the cycle of hardship.

Despite these challenges, few programs exist to support students who have lost their mothers. Students Without Mothers is committed to filling this gap by providing critical resources, mentorship, and scholarships to ensure these young people can build brighter futures.



Strengthening Leadership: 2024 Annual Board Retreat

Under the direction of our dedicated Board Chair, Stacy Canady, Students Without Mothers hosted its Annual Board Retreat on January 27, 2024. Held on the Global Ministries campus in midtown Atlanta—where our offices are located—this retreat provided a valuable opportunity for our Board members to engage in strategic discussions, receive essential training, and strengthen their leadership skills to better serve our mission.

This mandatory retreat was designed to equip our Board with the tools, knowledge, and resources necessary to enhance their effectiveness in governance, fundraising, and organizational leadership. Throughout the day, members participated in an enriching lineup of presentations and discussions aimed at reinforcing their roles and responsibilities while exploring strategies for sustainable growth and impact.

Engaging & Informative Sessions

The retreat featured presentations from various members of our Executive Board, along with insights from Glenda Hicks of 501c Impact Innovative Nonprofit Capacity Building. Glenda delivered a powerful and in-depth session on the critical roles and responsibilities of Board members, providing clarity on governance, fiduciary duties, and the essential contributions Board members make toward our organization's success.

Another key highlight of the day was an engaging workshop led by Stephanie Watson of Building Connections, who spearheads our grant writing efforts. Stephanie guided Board members through an informative session on fundraising strategies, covering essential topics such as:

- Identifying and applying for grants to secure vital funding.
- Building relationships with corporate sponsors to expand our network of support.
- The power of cultivating individual donors and fostering long-term philanthropic partnerships.

These sessions empowered our Board members with the knowledge and confidence to play a more active role in fundraising efforts, ensuring that we continue to secure the resources needed to fulfill our mission.

A Day of Learning & Team Building

Beyond the formal training sessions, the retreat provided valuable opportunities for team building and meaningful discussions among Board members. After a full morning of learning and collaboration, the group continued the conversation over lunch at Two Urban Licks, an opportunity to reflect on the day's insights, share ideas, and strengthen personal connections.

Our 2024 Annual Board Retreat reinforced our commitment to strong leadership, strategic growth, and collective impact. With an engaged and well-equipped Board, Students Without Mothers is poised to further its mission, expand opportunities for students, and continue making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.



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 Cherokee Bluff High School Scholarship Pageant

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS IMPACT REPORT

This report presents the findings of pre and post surveys conducted among the 2024 cohort, evaluating their participation in group coaching and counseling sessions during their senior year of high school. The objective of these sessions was to provide support, guidance, and assistance to students as they navigated through their final year of secondary education and prepared for their transition beyond high school.

The full report is located on our website. www.studentswithoutmothers.org

2023 – 2024

Life Coaching Program Results



Social Engagement

All (100%) of respondents at pre and post-test value their friendships.



Financial Literacy

All (100%) of respondents at pre and post-test think it's important to save money for my education and my future.

All (100%) of respondents at pre and post-test think it is important to save money for things I really want to buy or have.



Session Feedback

All (100%) of respondents rated the staff and volunteers, length of the sessions, quality of the lunch, the training room and the facilitators/teachers as either Good or Excellent.

Youth

The analysis revealed that students made the biggest gains, at post-test, in the areas of decision making, critical thinking & self-sabotage, self-discovery, conflict resolution, social engagement, employability skills, choosing a college, choosing a major, financial aid, and financial literacy. In these areas, there was an

8% - 83% increase from pre-test analysis.



Rating of Sessions

All (100%) of respondents rated Your True Self, Major Decisions, Other Career Options, Accountability & Employability Skills, and Critical Thinking & Self Sabotage sessions as Good or Excellent.

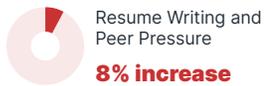
Collegiate

Ranking in knowledge after the sessions

8% - 29%



% Increase in Knowledge of Topics after Session



"It makes me more comfortable sharing experiences because it feels like we are all on the journey together."

Quote from SWM Collegiate Student: ●●● Prepared by: PC Eval Consulting, LLC



Empowering Students: Additional Resources for Academic Success

At **Students Without Mothers**, we take immense pride in supporting our students throughout their journey in higher education. Our commitment extends far beyond providing scholarships—we offer a holistic range of resources to ensure our students are well-equipped, confident, and prepared to succeed. In addition to scholarships, college preparedness, life coaching and grief counseling, we also provide:

Essential Dormitory Supplies

Starting college with the necessary essentials can make a significant difference. Before our students embark on their college journey, we provide them with a comprehensive dormitory package, which includes:

- A **laptop computer** for academic success
- Bedding** for a comfortable living space
- Toiletries** and personal care items
- School supplies** to support their studies

By ensuring that students have these fundamental items, we help them start their college experience with confidence and stability.



Care Packages

The journey through college can be challenging, and a little extra support goes a long way. During the Spring and Fall semesters, our students receive a care package filled with:

- Non-perishable food items** for nourishment
- School supplies** to aid their academic journey
- Toiletries** for personal care

These packages serve as a reminder that they are not alone, reinforcing our commitment to their well-being throughout the school year.



SWM Student Boutique

A unique resource available to our students is our on-site boutique, stocked with mostly new clothing and accessories generously donated by local retailers. This boutique provides students with access to stylish, high-quality clothing free of charge, ensuring they feel confident in both academic and professional settings. Whether they need attire for classes, internships, or special events, our boutique is there to support them.



At Students Without Mothers, we believe that every student deserves a strong foundation for success. Through our scholarships, essential resources, emotional support, and career-building opportunities, we are committed to empowering our students to thrive in college and beyond.

We stand beside our students every step of the way, ensuring that no challenge—academic, financial, or personal—prevents them from reaching their full potential.

STUDENTS WITHOUT MOTHERS

Success Stories

Join us in honoring our incredible students who graduated college in 2024! Their inspiring testimonials reflect how the support and guidance they received through our College Readiness Program, along with the dedication of our Student Advisor Volunteers, played a crucial role in their success. These achievements would not be possible without the generosity of our donors—your support empowers students to overcome obstacles and reach their full potential. Thank you for making a lasting difference in their lives!



Chania Brown
2020 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate
of Georgia State University



Trinity Campbell
2020 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate of
University of West Georgia



Sharodon Jenkins
2020 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate of
Langston University



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2019 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate of
University of West Georgia



Miracle Nelson
2019 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate of
Middle Georgia State University



Idalia Testamark
2020 Scholarship Recipient
2024 Graduate of
Southern University and A&M
College

ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Students Without Mothers Inc. ("The Organization") is a Section 501(c)(3) a not-for-profit corporation that was incorporated under the laws of Georgia on March 4, 2004 is dedicated to helping high school students without mothers help themselves by empowering them to continue their education. The organization's main purpose is to provide life coaching and scholarships to college bound high school students who are without their mothers due to death or other unfortunate circumstances.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting to present the results of activities and financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Organization, the resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into categories established according to their nature and purpose. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the organization and changes therein are classified as without restriction and with restrictions.

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CURRENT ASSETS-		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,643	\$ 284,254
Investments (at Fair Market Value)	133,913	-
Total	\$ 214,556	\$ 284,254
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:		
Furniture and fixtures	7,853	7,853
Accumulated depreciation	(7,192)	(7,192)
Property and equipment, net	661	661
OTHER ASSETS-		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 215,217	\$ 284,915

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
SBA Loan	\$ 240,100	\$ 240,100
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions	(24,883)	(56,685)
With donor restrictions	-	101,500
Total	(24,883)	44,815
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 215,217	\$ 284,915

	December 31, 2024			December 31, 2023		
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Contributions	\$ 90,416	\$ -	\$ 90,416	\$ 71,592	\$ 1,500	\$ 73,092
Grants	32,800	-	32,800	32,675	-	32,675
Auctions and events	87,273	-	87,273	57,321	-	57,321
Donated goods and services in kind	173,816	-	173,816	100,542	-	100,542
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends, interest & capital gains	3,751	-	3,751	-	-	-
Net unrealized gains on investments	26,162	-	26,162	-	-	-
Total revenue and support	<u>414,218</u>	-	<u>236,651</u>	<u>262,130</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>263,630</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	-	(100,500)	-	-	-	-

EXPENSES						
	2024			2023		
Program Services:						
Scholarship program	20,000	-	20,000	7,000	17,000	24,000
Life coaching/board mentoring	146,750	-	146,750	136,488	-	136,488
Total program services	166,750	-	166,750	143,488	17,000	160,488
Fundraising event expenses	242,050	-	242,050	150,901	-	150,901
General and administrative	75,116	-	75,116	36,869	-	36,869
Total expenses	483,916	-	483,916	331,258	17,000	348,258
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - Increase	(69,698)	-	(69,698)	(69,128)	(15,500)	(84,628)

Net assets at beginning of year	(55,685)	100,500	44,815	13,443	116,000	129,443
Net assets at end of year	\$ (125,383)	\$ 100,500	\$ (24,883)	\$ (55,685)	\$ 100,500	\$ 44,815

December 31, 2024

December 31, 2023

	Program	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses	Program	Fundraising	Management and General	Total Expenses
Salaries & Related Benefits	\$59,170	\$ 51,288	\$ 38,617	\$ 149,075	\$ 46,100	\$ 13,605	\$ 5,832	\$ 65,597
Professional Services	-	-	2,410	2,410	-	-	2,410	2,410
Web Services	899	2,697	899	4,495	1,026	3,078	1,026	5,130
Office Expenses	239	717	239	1,195	1,425	3,250	1,229	5,904
Program events and marketing	58,488	30,865	29,972	119,325	84,898	123,336	23,393	231,627
Grants	20,000	-	-	20,000	24,000	-	-	24,000
Interest	2,544	7,642	2,544	12,730	2,544	7,632	2,544	12,720
Insurance	435	-	435	870	435	-	435	870
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 141,775	\$ 93,209	\$ 75,116	\$ 310,100	\$ 160,488	\$ 150,901	\$ 36,869	\$ 348,258

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2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Decrease in net assets		\$ (84,628)
Depreciation		
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments		
CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(95,860)	(84,628)
CASH FLOWS USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(95,860)	(84,628)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES -		
Dividends, interest & capital gains	(3,751)	
Purchase of Investments	(104,000)	
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(107,751)	

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
New borrowing		
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(203,611)	(84,628)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	284,254	368,882
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 80,643	\$ 284,254

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES		
Interest paid	\$ 12,720	\$ 12,720

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